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# A Wheat Pool for Alberta

By W. J. Jackman, Secretary U. F. A. Wheat Pool Committee

With the fresh failure to establish a Wheat Board, there is an imperative demand on the part of the farmers of the Province for the organization of a Voluntary Wheat Pool, and steps for the realization of this were definitely taken by the U.F.A. Board at the midsummer meeting which was held on July 3rd-6th.

The Board appointed a Wheat Pool Committee, with instructions to proceed at once with the organization of a Wheat Pool, to become operative at the earliest date practicable. The committee consists of Stephen Lunn, Pincher Creek, chairman; A. R. Brown, Westlock, and W. J. Jackman, Brenner, secretary.

For several days prior to the meeting of the Board (commencing, in fact, immediately it became known that the efforts to organize a Wheat Board had proved unsuccessful), some of the members had been very carefully investigating the situation, and had held conferences with members of the Provincial Government, representatives of the banks, and members of the grain trade, the object being to ascertain, not only what must be done in order to bring a voluntary pool into operation, but whether it would be feasible to bring it into being in time to handle this year's crop.

## FORMIDABLE OBSTACLES.

These enquiries revealed very formidable obstacles, such as a lack of adequate legislation, the need for very extensive financial arrangements which considerable time would be required to perfect, the difficulty of acquiring handling and storage facilities from the present owners, the necessity of securing a thoroughly competent manager or salesman, and the extensive campaign which would be required to secure the signing of the contracts without which a pool could not be successfully conducted.

These obstacles were discussed by the Board, which came to the conclusion that, with only two months available in which to overcome them, it would be practically impossible to organize in time to handle the whole of the 1923 crop, although arrangements might be made to deal with a portion of it.

From the various telegrams and telephone messages which were received during the session of the Board and subsequently, it is evident that this will be the cause of much disappointment to the farmers of the Province. But those who have carefully considered the question have come to the conclusion that it is better to build carefully on a sound foundation than to rush into a business of the magnitude which this must develop without adequate preparation, and this attitude is being endorsed by all thinking farmers.

## MUST BE UNASSAILABLE.

To form a pool and make a failure of it would be a severe blow to the whole movement for co-operative marketing, and might result in setting that movement back for years. Injunctions are fearsome things, and the powerful and influential interests whose business will be affected by the co-operative effort of the farmers are not likely to give up their profitable grip on the grain trade without a hard struggle. Hence it is essential that no loophole be left through which the legality and solidity of the voluntary pool can be attacked.

The attitude of these interests towards the old proposal for a compulsory wheat board is revealed in the following extract from one of the Canadian financial journals:—"How far the courts of Canada will permit the property and civil rights of the grain trade, with its heavy investments and large capacity for serving the producers, to be thrown aside, remains to be seen." While this refers particularly to the compulsory wheat board, it may be taken as an indication that the entry of the farmers into the handling of their own grain, even on a voluntary basis, is likely to have a reception lacking in cordiality.

W. J. JACKMAN

## MAIN FEATURES OF PLAN.

The main features of the tentative plan which was laid before the U.F.A. Board, were:

The association would be a co-operative, non-profit organization, without capital stock.

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A small membership fee (not an annual fee) would be collected from each shipper, to defray the organization expenses.

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# EDITORIAL

Definite steps have been taken by the U. F. A., which is receiving the full co-operation of the Provincial Government, to organize a Wheat Pool for the marketing of Alberta wheat. While it seems altogether improbable that a Pool can be brought into operation to handle all of the crop of 1923, assurance has been given that organization will be completed with all possible speed, due regard being paid to the essential principles of safety. It is to be hoped that the formation of voluntary pools in the other Prairie Provinces will make inter-Provincial co-operation in marketing possible and practicable at an early date.

This matter was discussed at length at a meeting of the Council of Agriculture, held in Winnipeg during the week of the U.F.A. Board meeting in Calgary. The Council had been called together to deal with the problem of wheat marketing, immediately after the failure of the efforts which had been made to establish a Wheat Board. At this meeting the decision of the U. F. A. to proceed at once with the organization of a pool was made known.

The Executive of the United Farmers of Manitoba, at a special meeting, adopted a resolution calling for the creation of a pool, and this also was announced to the Council. The representatives of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association were not in a position to speak officially upon the matter, but will do so following a meeting to be held before the end of the present month.

As to the position of the companies, we are informed that the United Grain Growers, Ltd., have expressed their willingness and readiness to co-operate in the organization of a pool. Upon the attitude of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company we have no authoritative information.

It is understood that another meeting of the Council will be called in the near future, when it is to be hoped that all the parties whose assistance would be necessary in the marketing of wheat under a pooling plan covering Western Canada as a whole, will be prepared enthusiastically to co-operate to that end, or at least that each party will be ready to give definite information as to its own attitude towards the pooling enterprise.

That the Alberta Government will give all possible assistance in the organization of a pool for Alberta, has already been announced, and the U. F. A. Wheat Pool Committee and the Co-operative Marketing Committee of the Government are engaged in close co-operation for this purpose. Messrs. Brownlee and Reid, as members of this committee, left last week for the Pacific Coast, where they are gathering first hand information upon the various pools now in operation in California and elsewhere. They will meet Aaron Sapiro, and it is expected that arrangements will be made for Mr. Sapiro to visit Alberta and to speak here in the near future. We understand that Premier Bracken of Manitoba has announced his desire to assist in the organization of a pool, and that the Government of Saskatchewan is similarly disposed.

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Commenting on "the softening influence of Ottawa upon members originally ardent," the Calgary Herald quotes an eastern publication to the effect that some Farmer members have succumbed to this influence, and "will not qualify themselves to be efficient Parliamentarians and good public servants." The Herald, however, fails to quote eastern papers when they indicate, as papers of independent views have indicated repeatedly, that a group of members comprised largely of representatives from Alberta, constitutes the real progressive force in the House of Commons. The Herald's omission is important. In a House where those who are disinclined to work can readily escape it, the members of this group have given, in almost every case, earnest and devoted service. As a perusal of Hansard and of the reported proceedings of the various committees shows, they have carried on a more vigorous campaign against the forces of reaction, and a campaign more carefully planned, than any other within recent memory. When even a considerable minority of members actuated by the spirit of the members of this group have been elected by the people of Canada, their problems, insofar as they can be solved by Parliamentary action, will be near solution.

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Every two or three weeks the Morning Albertan publishes an editorial predicting the "break-up" of the U. F. A. It concedes that this "break-up" may be long delayed, but insists, and reiterates, that a break-up must come. The Albertan, in its role of prophet, may give comfort to those who are anxious to destroy the U. F. A., and whose hearts have been made sick by deferred hope, but prophesy is a comparatively harmless pastime.

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The Albertan remarks that "the business of Government is getting enormous, and to make it a success the country must have trained men." The trouble with Alberta it that it has until recently been in the hands of trained politicians who have left a legacy of debt which it will take several years for their successors to reduce to even reasonable proportions. A member of the Legislative Assembly who has served during both the Liberal and the U. F. A. regimes, and is in no way associated with the U. F. A., recently expressed the opinion to the writer, that the present Government have given more efficient, more conscientious, and cleaner service to the people of this Province than any of their predecessors, and that they have done more to promote economy in the public service than has ever been done in the past. These facts are, or should be, well known.

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A member of the staff of the University of Alberta who has enjoyed exceptional opportunities in the study of rural problems, estimates that there is no land in Alberta which is worth more than $25 an acre for strictly agricultural purposes, except a little in the vicinity of the cities. The C. P. R. Contract Holders' Immigration Association is of a similar opinion. The inordinate boosting of land prices has never been beneficial to agriculture.

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"Measured in terms of farm produce," says the Christian Science Monitor, "it is apparent that increased production alone is no assurance of increased prosperity; nor is any increase in the number of producers by immigration necessarily such an assurance." There is much to be said, this newspaper adds, for the position taken by some of the Farmer members of the Canadian House of Commons, "that the best way to promote immigration to Canada, as well as to check emigration, is to see that the farmers who are already settled in the country receive a more adequate share of the fruits of their labor."

# Will the Farmers of Alberta Rise to Their Present Opportunity?

## If U. F. A. Stands Firm During Present Crisis Every Other Province of Canada Will Build Upon the Foundations Which Alberta Farmers Have Laid

By WILLIAM IRVINE, M.P.

The farmers' movement in Canada is approaching a crisis through which it must pass, and which will test the fitness of the movement to survive.

This crisis is a natural outcome of development. It means that responsibilities have been accepted and that the theories upon which the organization have been built and the ideals that inspired it are both being tried in the fields of practical endeavor. During the next two years or so one of two things will have happened. Either the United Farmers will have gone the way of all previous attempts to organize, on the part of the farmers of the world—which is the way of futility and defeat—or else their achievement will have become stable and a pattern to be copied by all groups within the state.

At such a critical period it is desirable that every individual member of the movement should feel her or his personal responsibility—that the situation should be understood and efforts put forward that will be adequate to meet it; and in order to do this, due attention must be given to the forces that are in opposition, as well as to the forces of the movement.

### Enemies Confident and Aggressive

Never at any time since the first United Farmers' Local was formed have the forces of plutocracy and autocracy been so zealous to overthrow it or so confident of success as they are at the present moment. There is a combination of circumstances working in favor of our enemies, through the weakening effects that they are having upon ourselves. These circumstances should be noted well, because if they are understood in their natural setting they will tend to stimulate rather than to demoralize.

Perhaps the economic depression caused by the crop failures, in addition to the interest bogs, the tariffs and the freight rates, has had the most marked effect on the membership of the Association in Alberta. But this is surely only a temporary incident, for the very pinch of economic stress ought to act as an incentive for redoubled energy in the interests of the movement as the only ultimate means of relief from oppression. If the present prospects of a good crop are fulfilled, I believe the membership will be speedily brought up to the normal strength. But let us not lose sight of the fact that if it be true, as I believe it is, that thousands of persons have been unable to renew their subscriptions to the U.F.A., because they lacked the necessary few dollars, then that is a silent commentary on an economic condition that is not only inconvenient for the farmers concerned, but signifies a grave danger to the national life. Then let it be remembered also that the only hope in sight is through the farmers' organization, and unless that organization is efficient there is no hope in it either. So make it efficient. That must be the first and last endeavor of every member.

> The article by William Irvine, M.P. for East Calgary, published on this page, is a call to the membership of the U.F.A. to consolidate their forces in the face of the determined efforts which are today being made to undermine and destroy every democratic movement in Canada. Mr. Irvine is himself a member of the group of members of the Commons, as yet comparatively few in numbers, but outstanding in intellectual force and debating power, who for the first time in the recent history of Canada have issued a serious challenge to the House of Commons to the reactionary interests now dominant in our economic and political life. The U.F.A., he declares, has been wisely placed upon a better foundation than the farmers' movement in any other Province, and "it will stand." "If it were fail," he adds, "we should go back in hopelessness to partyism and an unchallenged economic oppression."

### Membership Takes a Rest

Another influence which has to be reckoned with is the reaction which is now in full swing following the successes which have recently attended the efforts of the United Farmers in the political arena. This reaction is not necessarily unhealthy; in fact it is natural and healthy, providing that it is not yielded to unduly. Progress never goes forward at an unaltered and steady pace, rather it moves by little pushes that rapidly succeed each other, and between which there is always a reaction, which of course does not equal the forward push or the condition would be static. It was therefore natural for the membership of the U.F.A. to get down on their backs and have a well earned rest after capturing the Provincial Government and sending a full slate of Federal members to Ottawa. That rest was needed, but for the sake of all you hope for get up now, for those who seek your destruction are taking advantage of your momentary respite.

### Strength to Continue Will Win

No doubt there has been a little discouragement, too, seeing that the millenium did not immediately follow the election of farmers. Those who understood, of course, did not expect that everything would be accomplished at once, and they are not disappointed, but it is probable that many who had been enthusiastic followers of an ideal may feel discouraged when they contrast the practical with their ideal dreams. This too is natural. If the ideal which these good people have been following could have been reached at one bound it would not have been worth following. The election of representatives to Parliament is only the second step on the journey. There are many steps yet to be taken. It is the strength and courage to continue that alone will win.

There is room for congratulation on what has been accomplished by the Alberta Parliamentarians, both Provincial and Federal. The Federal members have dug themselves in and are fighting the entrenched forces of plutocracy. They need reinforcements, and most of all they need the confidence and support of the farmers' movement. The same might be said for the Provincial Government. It has been efficient, honest and clean. It has no daily papers to sing its praises. On the contrary nearly every paper in the Province is opposed and is doing everything possible to undermine the faith of the U.F.A. in its representatives. When we think of these things and remember that when a Government has been elected it is only then that the real fight begins, we will buckle on our armor. That fight cannot be won in a day. The Greenfield Government must of necessity be hampered on every hand by the system in vogue, and we are not yet prepared to change that system. No! There is every reason to feel encouraged and to hold to our ideals and work on. The battle will be to those who keep their faith in themselves and endure.

### Object Lesson of Ontario

Ontario should be an object lesson to all other Provinces. There can be no question that the U.F.O. has suffered a set-back in the recent Provincial election, but why? There are many minor causes, some of which are worthy of being mentioned. I shall speak, however, only of the major cause, and that was lack of stability in organization.

Ex-Premier Drury, in following his own opinions, no doubt sincerely enough, and listening to the plausible arguments of his destroyers, decided to "Broaden Out" the U. F. O. He did. He flattened it out. He could not have done so if the movement in Ontario had found itself before going into politics. But as it was the organization as a whole was not well founded on the economic foundation—the only foundation upon which a permanent movement can be based. The result was that the trumpets of the enemy were sufficient to bring down the walls the farmers had built, in ruins. There is also danger at least to some extent both in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, for the same reason, namely that of instability in organization.

### Must Stem Reactionary Tide

Now the borders of Alberta must be the limit of the reactionary success. The U. F. A. has been wisely placed on a better foundation. The U. F. A. will stand. It is the hope of the future. If it were to fall we should go back in hopelessness to partyism and an unchallenged economic oppression. If it stands it will form the basis of the new democracy and every Province in Canada will build upon it.

The U. F. A. has the opportunity of

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# The Central Board in Session

## A Report of the Midsummer Meeting

By the Provincial Secretary

The midsummer meeting of the Central Board was held at the Central Office, Calgary, June 3rd to 6th. All the members of the Board were present during the meeting. The Vice-president left on the afternoon of the first day to attend a wheat marketing conference called by the Canadian Council of Agriculture in Winnipeg. Two days were spent in a discussion of Wheat Pool plans, and an announcement of the conclusions arrived at appears elsewhere in this issue.

### Newspaper Policy

The newspaper committee asked the advice of the board in regard to the problem of dealing with correspondence submitted for publication. Certain communications had been referred to this committee by the editor. It was pointed out that in any event only a small proportion of the communications he received could be used, and that the character of material used was therefore a matter of much importance. A committee of the board, consisting of Mrs. Gupa and Messrs. McDaniel and Jensen, was appointed to bring in a report on this subject. The committee's report, which was adopted unanimously, set forth that the board had "appointed a newspaper committee in whom they have full confidence," and re-affirmed the committee's full authority. The report also indicated that in editorial selection of material it should be borne in mind at all times that "the purpose of the paper is to put before the membership of the organization such information as is of value and use in the upbuilding of the organization."

President Wood, speaking in behalf of the committee, expressed the hope that the board would not think that the matter of newspaper policy had been finally closed, and indicated that where other points arose on which a decision was desired, the advice of the Board would be sought.

The board passed a resolution asking that the attitude of the Convention on the prohibition question, as outlined by resolution, be supported in the paper.

### Wool Growers' Co-operative

Mr. Jensen, on behalf of the Livestock Committee, spoke appreciatively of the work of the Canadian Wool Growers' Co-operative Association, following which the board adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas the U. F. A. believes in co-operation, and whereas the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers' Association is doing good work in building up co-operative marketing of wool.

"Therefore be it resolved that the U. F. A. use its influence to further the development of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers' Association in Alberta."

Mr. Jensen spoke supporting the resolution.

MacFarquhar-Carpender: That the resolution be adopted. Carried.

### Financial Position

The secretary-treasurer presented a financial statement, showing that the expenses of the organization, so far this year, had been kept well within the revenue, but indicating that the summer and harvest months were usually light months in respect of receipt of dues, so that further careful husbanding of the association's finances would be required to accomplish the board's object of keeping the expenses well within the year's revenue.

### Family Membership Ticket

Mr. McDaniel, who was recently appointed one of the representatives of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, to visit the headquarters of the American Farm Bureau Federation, gave an interesting account of the work of the Farm Bureaux, and recommended to the U. F. A. the consideration of adoption of the family membership ticket. Mr. McDaniel reported that the American Farm Bureau had a family membership of $10, which admitted all the members of one household and stated that this plan seemed to meet with general approval. He was requested to submit further information on the matter for the consideration of the board.

### Convention Resolutions

The board considered the matter of Convention resolutions, and the manner of handling same. It was decided that all resolutions received at Central Office before December 1st will be mailed out to the Locals for their consideration. In this connection Locals are reminded of the Constitution provision requiring that resolutions from Locals must be forwarded through one of the district or constituency associations. Secretaries of district or constituency associations are urged to send their resolutions in to Central Office as soon as possible after their conventions are held.

### How to Hold Members

A general discussion took place on methods of maintaining membership of the organization. Mr. McDaniel thought one of the greatest incentives to membership would be immediate action in reference to the wheat pool, but also advocated that the Locals be given more lead from Central Office.

Mr. Lunn advocated the forming of local co-operative associations as a step towards larger co-operative marketing plans, believing that this would improve the financial condition of present members and act as an incentive to increased membership in the organization.

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### THE WHEAT POOL

The following resolution was adopted by the Central Board at the recent meeting in Calgary:

"Whereas the United Farmers of Alberta has decided upon a policy of co-operative marketing of all farm produce and has charged this Board of Directors with the duty of formulating a system under which this can be carried out;

"And whereas with the fresh failure of the attempt to form a Wheat Board, there is general demand for a voluntary Wheat Pool to take its place;

"And whereas such a Wheat Pool is the logical first step to take towards inaugurating a system of co-operative marketing to include all farm produce;

"Therefore be it resolved that this Board take steps to organize a Wheat Pool for Alberta, to come into operation at the earliest date practicable; and that the sister Western Provinces be urged also to organize Provincial pools, thereby securing inter-Provincial co-operation for the more advantageous placing of the grain on the world's markets, with the ultimate ideal of a world-wide systematized plan of wheat marketing."

# Ask Royal Commission to Investigate Stockyards

The Central Board, at their meeting July 3rd to 6th, received a report from the Livestock Committee, consisting of Messrs. C. M. MacFarquhar, Glenn Carpender, and C. Jensen, in reference to conditions at the Calgary stockyards, as follows:

"There has been a decided effort to get an investigation of the commission men and Alberta stockyards at Calgary. This effort has been made by some of the members at Edmonton and also by some of the commission men at the Calgary stockyards.

"The livestock industry was hit harder by the deflation than was even the wheat grower. Through wrong marketing and unsuitable financial conditions, the producers were unable to hold their cattle until finished or until the market became steady, because they had not or could not safeguard their interest in the line of credit. Co-operative shipping has helped in some instances, but there is a decided need for further relief by the reduction of the charges in the stockyards that were placed on at the peak of prices and have never since been reduced.

"The charges at present are (subject to correction), yardage, including weighing and water:

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| Cattle | $ .35 |
| Hogs | .06 |
| Sheep | .07 |
| Calves | .20 |
| Unloading, per car | 1.00 |
| Hay, handling | 4.50 |
| Hay, profit | 10.00 |
| Commission cattle | 17.00 |
| Hogs and sheep | 10.00 |
| Double deck | 15.00 |

"There is also a switching charge that the stockyards pay to the C. P. R. of $2.50 per car, notwithstanding the fact that the C. P. R. contracts to deliver the cars at the stockyards.

"These charges are all passed by the Dominion Government.

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# The Provincial Secretary's Page

**Information for Officers and Members.**

### FOR PROTECTION OF SHIPPERS

Central Office was recently asked for assistance by one of our Locals, the members of which had made a co-operative shipment of poultry to a dealer in Vancouver amounting to upwards of 5,500 lbs. gross weight and had received not a cent by way of settlement.

On investigation, it turns out that the party to whom the poultry was shipped, after pocketing the amount realized from the sale of a large amount of farmers' produce, left the city, paying none of the parties who had shipped the produce to him. It is unfortunate that criminal proceedings cannot be taken against such a party, but as the law stands this was a debt contracted in the ordinary course of business and the failure of the party simply results in the loss by the creditors of the money owing to them. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been stolen from farmers in this way.

At the request of the U. F. A., the Alberta Government, last session, passed an act providing for the bonding of produce dealers. Manitoba passed similar legislation some years ago, and no Province in Canada can afford to be without such legislation to protect its producers.

At the same time, a word of caution is necessary to our members in regard to their shipments of produce. It is well to make careful inquiry as to the reputation of the firm to whom you ship before shipping. It very often happens that an unreliable firm offers the highest price as a bait to unsuspecting shippers.

### BATTLE RIVER CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Battle River U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. Political Association will be held in Wainwright on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 31 and August 1.

### STRATHCONA CONVENES JULY 24

Strathcona Federal Constituency Association will meet in annual convention in Wetaskiwin, on July 24th. It is expected that D. W. Warner, M.P., Miss J. R. Kidd, U. F. W. A. secretary, and members of the Provincial Government will give addresses. W. J. Jackman will speak on co-operative marketing.

### ST. PAUL CONVENTION

The annual convention of the St. Paul Provincial Constituency Association will be held in St. Paul de Metis on July 25th. It is expected that H. E. Spencer, M.P., and Laudas Joly, M.L.A., will address the convention. A resolution will be introduced suggesting that a fund of $100,000 be raised to organize the wheat growers of Western Canada.

### ALEXANDRA CONVENTION

At the annual convention of the Alexandra Provincial Constituency Association on July 7th, P. J. Ensenauer, M.L.A., presented a comprehensive report of the political situation. A resolution was passed endorsing his actions.

The creation of a non-profit, co-operative marketing system was endorsed and the Central Executive was urged by resolution to secure the services of Mr. Aaron Sapiro. The convention unanimously voted to instruct their representative to introduce at the next session a resolution calling for the establishment of economic group representation.

### THE DEFICIT FUND

Since the last list was published a little more than $100 has been received for the 1921 deficit fund. A. T. Dickinson, secretary of Shepard Local, in forwarding the contribution acknowledged below, states that the Local has decided to donate all dues received for 1923 to this special fund. A paid-up membership of at least thirty is expected, and contributions to the fund will be sent in at a later date when the additional dues are collected. Autumn Leaf Local contributes the substantial sum of $34.50.

The following are acknowledged:

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| Previously acknowledged | $1,700.45 |
| Duhamel No. 691 | 6.50 |
| Duhamel U. F. W. A. No. 69.. | 2.50 |
| Buffalo Lake No. 126 | 7.50 |
| Raley U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. | 10.00 |
| Pleasant Hill U.F.W.A. | 5.00 |
| Brutus No. 756 | 10.00 |
| F. B. Cathro, Beddington | 1.00 |
| Shepard No. 213 | 12.00 |
| Raven No. 1008 | 5.00 |
| Autumn Leaf No. 686 | 34.50 |
| Deerdale No. 783 | 10.00 |
| Partridge Hill U.F.W.A. No. 36 | 10.00 |
| Total | $1,816.25 |

### BIG VALLEY-MUNSON CONVENTION

A convention of the Big Valley to Munson District Association of the U. F. A. will be held in Morrin on July 18th. It is expected that Premier Greenfield, E. J. Garland, M.P., and G. A. Forster, M.L.A., will be present.

### OLDS CONVENTION

The Annual Convention of the Olds U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association will be held at Mayton on Wednesday, August 1st.

### ACADIA PROVINCIAL CONVENTION

The Annual Convention of the Acadia U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Association was held at Cereal on July 5th, and was well attended. E. R. Briggs, president of the association, who was in the chair, reviewed the work of the past year, dwelling at some length on the plans for the building up of the organization devised at the round table conference in Calgary in January. These plans are to be pushed forward vigorously during the year.

The financial statement showed a balance of several hundred dollars on hand, and the sum of $100 was voted to the 1921 deficit fund of the Provincial organization.

**Co-operative Marketing**

Lorne Proudfoot, M.L.A. for the constituency, discussed co-operative marketing and, referring to the proposal for the formation of a Provincial bank, said that it seemed to be the consensus of opinion that it would not be safe business for such a bank to give to the farmers who were heavily involved any greater accommodation than they were able to receive from the present chartered banks. Such being the case, no steps had been taken by the Government as yet for the establishment of such bank. Later in the day a resolution was carried endorsing the handling of farm credits through some form of organization developed along lines similar to the present co-operative credit societies.

Mr. Proudfoot also discussed the financial situation of the Province, pointing out that an unpleasant task had devolved upon the new Government in attempting to bring expenditure somewhere within reach of income.

A resolution calling for the establishment of a co-operative wheat pool for the marketing of the 1923 and succeeding crops was carried unanimously.

### PEMBINA CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION

The Pembina Constituency Association held its regular midsummer convention on June 26th at Westlock. Owing to heavy rains and the condition of the roads there were only 40 officers and delegates present.

Very few resolutions were presented to the convention. After hearing a report from Mr. Geo. McLachlan, M.L.A., on the disposition of resolutions referred to him by past conventions, the convention registered their confidence in him and expressed approval of the Government for not undertaking the formation of a Provincial bank.

The regular annual convention of the Association will be held in November.

A. R. BROWN, Secretary.

### PANDORA DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Over one hundred delegates and visitors attended the recent convention of the Pandora District Association at Clivale. F. H. Hartt occupied the chair, and W. A. McKay was appointed secretary. G. A. Forster, M.L.A., and Mrs. L. E. Hebner gave addresses.

Resolutions were passed urging the formation of a co-operative marketing association to handle perishable products through a central agency, and asking the Provincial Government to inaugurate a system of credit to enable schools to carry on for the full year, instead of, as in some cases at present, for only a few months.

Lunch was served by the ladies, and after the convention adjourned there was a very enjoyable entertainment and dance.

### BIGGEST FACTOR IN SOCIAL BETTERMENT

"We intend that our membership shall be larger, and that the U. F. A. shall be a force for good in this community," writes C. A. Stoltz, secretary of Silver Heights Local, recently organized in the Coronation district. "We are glad to be connected with the organization that has been the biggest factor in the social and economic betterment of Alberta and Western Canada." H. L. Saffield is president of the new Local, which is organized with nine paid-up members.

At a recent meeting of the Trochu Local the report of the delegates to the district convention, held in Carbon, to take steps towards the formation of a co-operative marketing association, was received and fully considered. Arrangements were made by Trochu Local to entertain the delegates to the next convention which will be held in Trochu on July 27th, and a publicity and welcoming committee was appointed.

## The U. F. W. A and Junior Branch.

Propaganda of any sort for world peace finds a welcome in women's organizations. It may seem that women have had the light burden to carry during the great international struggles that periodically sweep the world, but their role of patiently tending the home fires during the struggle and healing the chain of grievous wounds which war leaves in its wake, has evidently been sufficiently irksome to warrant their making an aggressive effort to preserve the world's peace.

Farm women's organizations, with others, repeatedly express their determination that war shall cease upon the earth. One point of attack toward this end is the military training of boys. In this Province, largely through the influence of our organization, military training in schools has given place to a system which aims at physical development without the tinge of militarism. There is, however, much to be done in purging the minds of the people of the thought of soldier training as a necessary experience among growing boys. For this reason the Women's Section Canadian Council of Agriculture have appointed a standing committee to investigate all forms of cadet training and have requested each Provincial Association to do likewise.

At a recent meeting of the U. F. W. A Executive, Mrs. R. B. Gunn was asked to undertake this work on behalf of the farm women of this Province.

J. B. K.

### WILL THE FARMERS OF ALBERTA RISE TO THEIR PRESENT OPPORTUNITY?

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in age. Is it going to be big enough to meet that opportunity? I believe it will. I believe in its leaders, in its ideals and in its basis of organization. It can fall only through the weakness of the flesh—human weakness. It will succeed without a doubt if its members do their duty. Let the remaining months of 1923 show a greater increase in the membership than has ever taken place in the past, in a similar period of time. That must be the reply to taunts of those who think they see in the overthrow of Drury the beginning of the end of the Farmers.

### MEMBERS' ARTICLES APPRECIATED

"At our last regular meeting," writes C. Gunderson, secretary of the Entwistle Local, "I was instructed to write a letter of appreciation for the splendid articles in 'The U. F. A.' relating to the work of the Dominion Parliament. Mr. Garland's article especially gave our members food for thought. In our opinion it is a very democratic principle, that of our elected members reporting to their constituents the doings of Parliament."

# U.G.G. CATTLE POOL

## IMPORTANT NEW DEVELOPMENTS

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TO SHIPPERS OF LIVESTOCK:

Commencing July 1st, a change has been made in the system of co-operative cattle selling, and the full market value of cattle will be paid as soon as they are received by the pool instead of a portion of the value being held back until after cattle are sold as formerly. At the same time the period of the pool will be lengthened so that profits resulting from pool selling will be distributed at the end of the year instead of weekly as formerly. Both these developments were looked forward to when the co-operative plan was inaugurated, but they are coming about sooner than expected, owing to the success that has attended pool selling, both in obtaining the confidence of cattle shippers and in actual market results.

**Payment of Full Valuation on Receipt of Cattle**

It has always been recognized as desirable that the pool should, if possible, pay the full valuation of cattle when received. In the initial period of operation, however, it was felt essential that provision should be made to protect the pool management against possible losses in operation, as well as for distribution of profits that arise. Now, as the result of four months' operation of pool selling, and of actual experience in obtaining more for cattle as the result of sorting them properly and forwarding them to other markets as necessary, United Grain Growers feel safe in advancing the full amount of valuation, provided that the period of the pool is lengthened, and the directors of the company authorized this step at their last meeting.

A number of shipping agents have stated that many farmers have been restrained from pool selling on account of the delay formerly necessary in obtaining complete returns, as often in shipping cattle they found it necessary to get their money out of them as quickly as possible. With this obstacle removed they state that many more farmers will take advantage of pool selling, which will add still further to the success of this method.

We have been asked if the Company intends still to operate its commission department for the handling of cattle consigned for direct sale. This department will not be closed up by the Company as long as a sufficient number of shippers to warrant its operation wish to use it, although a farmer consigning cattle for sale on the old plan gets no more for them on the market than he would get from the pool and he loses the opportunity of participating in the distribution of pool profits.

**Lengthening the Pool Period**

When co-operative cattle selling was inaugurated it was necessary to have a very short pool period, because shippers received only a part of the valuation of their cattle as an initial payment, and they could not be expected to wait very long for the balance of their returns. With the growth of the system of pool selling a longer period became desirable, as a limited accounting staff could no longer handle all the details of closing up a pool each week, and the expense of increasing the staff should be avoided as far as possible. When the change in initial payment to the basis of 100 per cent. of valuation was determined upon, lengthening the pool period became necessary in order to average the results over a longer time. It seemed best to make the new period a year, so the new pool will operate from July 1st this year to June 30th, 1924.

**Expenses**

It should be borne in mind that absolutely no deduction from shippers' returns will be made to cover the expenses of pool selling. These are provided for from the profits resulting from sorting cattle and forwarding them to other markets, and the balance of such profits over expenses is to be distributed as a co-operative patronage dividend at the end of the pool period.

**Patronage Dividend on Pool to Date**

Accounts for the pool from its inauguration up to June 30th, will be closed up at once, and the surplus in the pool expense account will be distributed. The amount which has been contributed by weekly pools has been found to be in excess of actual requirements, and as the pool is operated at cost for shippers, this surplus belongs to them.

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# Victoria Discusses Wheat Marketing

Endorsing the action of the U. F. A. Executive and Board in deciding to establish a voluntary contract pool, urging immediate action with a view to handling wheat during the marketing season of 1923-1924, and proposing that the term of the contract be at least five years, the Victoria U. F. A. Federal Constituency Association, at its annual convention held in Camrose on July 6th, devoted much attention to the subject of wheat marketing. G. Boose, director for Victoria, reporting on the Board meeting in Calgary, said that special legislation would be required to legalize the contract and steps to finance the undertaking would be necessary before the Board could operate.

**What Five Cents on Bushel Would Do**

Hon. V. W. Smith, Minister of Railways and Telephones, said that the Government was prepared to assist in bringing a pool into operation, and that if elevators or terminals had to be built at Vancouver he would support such a scheme. Five cents a bushel on the estimated crop for 1923 would almost cover the cost of the grain utilities, and the farmers would then own these for all time. A vote of appreciation to Mr. Smith and to the Alberta Government was carried.

Dealing with the recent session of Parliament, W. T. Lucas, M.P., described the fight of the Farmer members on the Bank Act, tariff, budget, railway matters, etc. He declared that only by building up an organization against the organization of the powerful vested interests could the power of these interests be broken. The convention expressed appreciation of the work of the Farmer members at Ottawa. A motion approving Mr. Lucas' suggestion that a delegate be sent to a national convention was carried.

**Special Classes in Pool Contract**

With respect to the collection of dues, John Slattery, secretary-treasurer of the association, states in a report on the convention that the consensus of opinion was that "there is something wrong with our methods if 25,000 farmers who apparently do not oppose our movement, get by each year without their dues being collected. It is believed that the solution must come out of our Industrial co-operative development such as having a clause in the contracts whereby the pool member could authorize the pool management to deduct the fees necessary for carrying on the work of the organization. A resolution to this effect was passed, and should this be acceptable to the members as a whole, it would do away with 75 per cent. of the difficulties of keeping a Local alive and in good activity."

The convention passed a resolution stating that practical experience had shown considerable confusion and dissatisfaction in regard to the collection of fees for constituency associations, and that the existence of these associations was thereby threatened. The Central Executive of the U. F. A. was therefore asked to devolop some plan of co-ordination of the Provincial organization, the Federal and the Provincial Constituency Associations, with a view to making these constituency associations "an integral part of our movement, having fees collected in full," with a system of rebate of a sum back to the Constituency Associations for their maintenance, "in accordance with their paid-up membership."

**Secession From Confederation**

A resolution calling for the secession of the four Western Provinces from the East, and the formation of an autonomous British dominion in the West, caused an interesting discussion. There was no decision. An equally divided vote sent the resolution to the annual U. F. A. Convention for further consideration.

## ASK ROYAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE STOCKYARDS

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"You will note that the yardage charges and weighing are now combined, and if you only weigh you pay the full charge. You must also remember that in case these cattle are feeders and are again returned they are again charged. This, you see, greatly reduces the price of the stock to the producer.

"At the present time the hay is being paid for at the yards at the rate of $1.65 per bale of an average of 90 pounds. The cost is based on the price that hay is being retailed at in the city.

"Formerly the prices of weighing and yardage were separate."

The Board, after hearing the report of the Livestock Committee, passed the following resolution:

"That the U. F. A. Central Board urge the members at Ottawa to make a fight on the floor of the House for a Royal Commission to investigate the stockyards, with particular reference to charges on the Calgary stockyards and the Calgary stockyards commission men, evidence to be given under oath."

## A WHEAT POOL FOR ALBERTA

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The payments on grain would be financed by obtaining a line of credit from the banks, as is now done by private grain dealers. The necessity for this would be gradually reduced or eliminated by building up a reserve fund.

The initial payment for grain would probably have to be guaranteed wholly

STEPHEN LUNN
Chairman U. F. A. Wheat Pool Committee

or in part by the Provincial Government.

Payment for elevators, if purchased, would be made in bonds of a holding company, repayable in annual instalments; or in cash obtained by the sale of bonds, possibly with a Provincial guarantee.

Members would be required to sign contracts to sell all their wheat through the Pool for a period of five years, beginning at any time. These would probably be straight pooling contracts, with damage clauses in case of breach.

There would be a separate pool for each grade of wheat, based upon the average price for the year, less handling cost, etc.

As substantial an advance payment as possible would be made upon the delivery of the grain, and a participation certificate issued, entitling the shipper to his share of whatever surplus accrued on the year's business. Participation payments would be made at the end of the season, or at such intervals as conditions warranted.

Each member would be required to file annually a return showing the acreage sown, and an estimate of the quantity of wheat for sale.

The utmost use possible would be made of the outlet by the western route.

Exporting would be done as far as possible in co-operation with similar organizations which have already been established in parts of the United States and in Australia.

### Organization Campaign

In the organization campaign which would be necessary to secure the signing of contracts, the greatest possible use would be made of the U.F.A. organization. Each Director would probably be placed in charge of his own territory, and made responsible for organizing a thorough canvass of all resident farmers. Public meetings to explain the pool and advocate co-operative marketing would be held at as many centres as possible during the campaign, and contracts signed up after each meeting. A special meeting of every U. F. A. Local would be held for the explanation and discussion of the pool. All the farmers present would be signed up, and plans made for canvassing the absentee members and non-members and covering adjacent unorganized territory.

Literature would, of course, be prepared and sent out to all Locals, carefully explaining all the details of the Pool and the contract, for use where it was not possible to send a speaker.

These are the broad outlines of the plan. Some of the details have been worked out, and a contract has been prepared; but these are subject to modification as closer investigation shows its necessity.

The Wheat Pool Committee has a full realization of the importance and magnitude of the task which has been entrusted to it. The members will spare no effort to secure for Alberta the best possible co-operative Wheat Pool, in the shortest possible time, consistent with safety, soundness and solidarity.

The Provincial Government has assured the committee of its willingness to give all help possible, and the Co-operative Marketing Committee of the Cabinet has signified its desire to actively assist the Wheat Pool Committee in its work.

A Wheat Pool for Alberta is practically assured.

### Up to Individual Members

It is now up to the individual members of the U.F.A. to put into practice those principles of co-operation which have been so long preached. Co-operative effort can not be made a success by "letting George do it." Nor can it succeed if the farmers are content to stay out until they see whether it is made a success by others. We must all be in on the ground floor. It is up to you.

Are you willing to do voluntarily through a Wheat Pool what you have advocated should be done compulsorily through a Wheat Board?

Have you sufficient confidence in the soundness of co-operative marketing to be willing to sign a contract which will bind you for at least five years to market your wheat through your own co-operative organization?

Are you sufficiently in earnest to get out and assist in a campaign among your fellow farmers, to get them to sign similar contracts, so that there may be no doubt about having a sufficient volume of wheat under the control of the Pool to secure its success?

Are those of you who, by reason of proximity to the railway, have been able in the past to market your grain early and possibly secure an advantage over those more remotely situated, willing to forego that advantage and be content with the assurance of the average price of the season?

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A. R. BROWN
U. F. A. Wheat Pool Committee

### COMMONWEALTH BANK TO HELP CO-OPERATIVES

"Of late interesting suggestions have been made in Australia in regard to a possible extension of the powers of the Commonwealth Bank, the state bank of Australia," states the London Times Trade Supplement. "It is urged that it might be made of greater assistance in furthering the agricultural interests of Australia. Recent advices from the Commonwealth have indicated that a measure is being prepared for submission to Parliament which will provide for an extension of the operations which the bank already conducts in agricultural commodities. Steps are to be taken to organize agricultural industries in co-operative companies, and it is proposed to make provisions enabling the Commonwealth Bank to grant advances to these companies. The individual farmer, orchard owner, hop or cane grower will be a shareholder in one or other of these companies, and will have his assets included in those forming the security for the loans."

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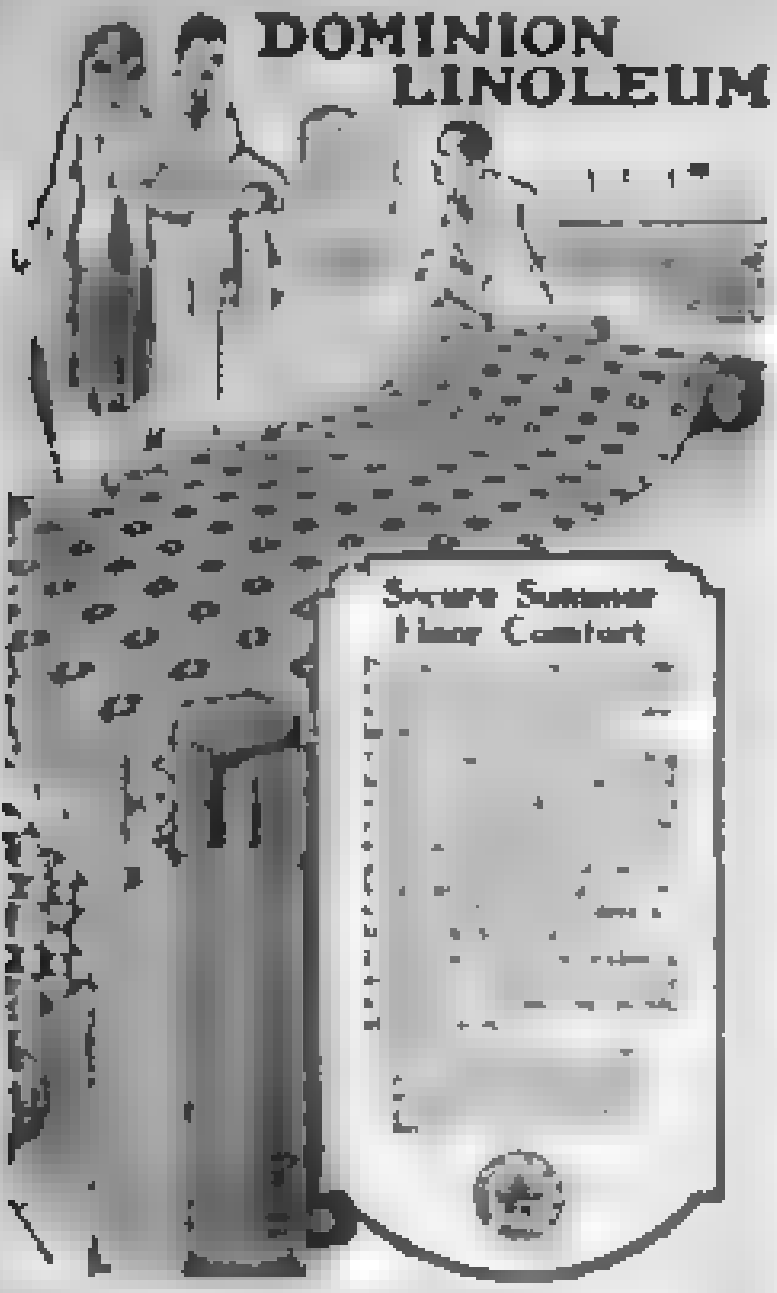


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## THE CENTRAL BOARD IN SESSION

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Mr. MacPherson thought that one of the difficulties at the present time was the uncertainty of the membership as to which problems to tackle, as a means of arriving at a solution of their present financial difficulties. He advocated, however, some definite step towards co-operative marketing even though legislation on the statute books at the present time was not as adequate as could be desired.

Mr. Carpender stated that their Local had found the interest of its members stimulated by debating and co-operative purchasing.

Mr. Carpender also stated that he had found an impression among the Locals that the Central Office, including the board and Executive, was not sufficiently active.

Mr. Mangles urged the need of interesting programs in the Locals and stressed his belief that the permanence of the U. F. A. was largely bound up with the work which the U. F. A. did in developing community co-operation. He thought that every president and secretary should make it his personal business this fall to solicit membership, being careful to prepare himself beforehand to meet questions as to why farmers should belong to the organization. He also suggested that the forthcoming visit of Mr. Rapier might be used as an incentive to membership, particularly if preference were given to members of the U. F. A. in addition to the meetings.

### Lack of Unity

Mr. Aitken told of general dissatisfaction he found among the membership and the indefiniteness of the complaints. His opinion, however, was that lack of unity was the biggest handicap to the organization at the present time. The Locals were only a reflection of the Executive officers, and he believed there was a certain amount of lack of unity throughout the organization.

Mr. Harris expressed the view that members were getting tired of successive disappointments, as for instance the failure to establish the Wheat Board, etc.

Mr. German expressed the view that the organization had leaned too much towards revivalistic methods, which created a corresponding reaction. He thought also there was too much of an inclination on the part of many of the members to stand back and criticize those who worked.

Mrs. Sears stressed the importance of punctuality and organization beforehand to make the meetings interesting; also the members must seriously study the art of working along together in the Locals. Every member should be made to feel that he had some definite work.

Mrs. Kinzer also emphasized the need of a definite program in the Local meetings.

Mr. Wood urged the importance of careful consideration by the organization as to the point of attack on the problems confronting it. Economic relief would come only as a result of the membership's own activity. He thought the immediate point of attack should be the weakness in the present system of merchandising farm products.

### Wild Lands Tax

The board was informed by the Minister of Municipalities that the Government had no intention of abolishing the Wild Lands Tax.

Mr. J. L. Smith, director for Bow River, received a wire during the board meeting announcing the death of his sister in Ontario, and had to leave the meeting to go East. A resolution of sympathy with their fellow member was passed by the board.

### Secretaries' Conference

Secretary reported that no arrangements for Secretaries' Conference had been made this year on account of uncertainty as to when certain important meetings would be


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held, together with the fact that the general financial conditions made it appear that attendance would not be very large. The report of the secretary was received and approved.

**Arrears of Taxes**

At the request of the Mortgage Men's Association of the Provinces, members of the board attended a meeting at which the Minister of Municipalities, Hon. R. G. Reid, and the Deputy Minister, J. H. Lamb, were present. The members of the Mortgage Men's Association made suggestions re consolidation of arrears of taxes. After full discussion this meeting passed the following motion:

"That this meeting recommend that legislation be passed enabling the Municipal Councils, the Loan Companies, and the farmers to get together on an agreement to delay the passing of title."

# Growing Conditions Continue Ideal

## Losses in Districts Affected by Heavy Hailstorms From 25 to 100 Per Cent.

(By C. G. Groff, Publicity Commissioner)

EDMONTON, Alta., July 13.—Grain over the entire Province is developing excellently under ideal growing conditions. From 40 to 60 per cent. of the wheat is headed out. Moisture conditions continue to be satisfactory over the entire crop area, with showers and warm weather now prevailing. There has been considerable precipitation since the last report.

**Hail Damage**

Hail has done considerable damage in one or two areas, notably that from Okotoks southeast to New Dayton, south of Lethbridge, where a hailstorm from eight to ten miles wide did severe damage in the Carseholm, Stavely, Nobleford, Cashburn, Lethbridge, Wilson Siding and Raymond districts. The loss in this storm will run all the way from 25 to 100 per cent.

The later sown grain is expected to show considerable recovery from the storm. There has been hail in two or three other localities, but damage has been comparatively slight.

Grasshoppers are causing considerable damage in limited areas in the southeast and southwest districts of the Province, chiefly in localities where farmers did not get poisoning done early enough. Generally speaking, the damage from the pest is not extensive.

**HOW TO WIN**

Writing on Mr. Jackman's recent article on a plan of co-operative marketing for Alberta, in which Mr. Jackman invited criticism and suggestions, H. Wallace, president of the Red Deer Local, asks why cannot we realize what Mr. Wood has so often said, that "Action should start with the individual," "Build from the ground up," etc. Mr. Wallace remarks that when Mr. Baptiste comes his advice will be "Go ahead and form a pool." "I am handing this advice out," says Mr. Wallace, "for nothing."

"I am convinced," he says, "that if we try co-operative marketing of any of our products, use a fair amount of 'horse sense', it will prove so natural, and profitable withal, that we will go ahead with other lines.

"We have in this district a shipping association which is a roaring success. It has placed many thousands of dollars in the producers' hands, where it should be. Our association is the largest in Canada, composed as it is of 35 Locals. One man is now doing the work that some 35 drover buyers got a fat living for doing, (out of us). It is so easy to do that we now look back and laugh at our fears about the success of our venture.

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**SEND IN YOUR CONTRIBUTION**

"How to Enlist and Hold Membership in U. F. A. Locals" is a subject which at all times commands the serious thought of the active members of the organization. Many of these members have acquired experience which may be of great value to others and to the Locals in general. In order that the membership throughout the Province may profit from a comparison of ideas, members are invited to submit to the editor articles on the above subject. Articles should be as concise as possible and none should exceed 500 words in length.

**MAY JOIN FORCES**

Eight of the eleven Locals comprising the "Hanley to Grainger Co-operative Association of the U. F. A. Ltd." attended a meeting in Three Hills on June 30th, when representatives from the Elnora District U. F. A. Co-operative Association attended, with a view to joining the new marketing association. And it is probable that as a result of the meeting a single association extending from Delburne to Grainger will be established.

The shares of the Hanley to Grainger Association will be $5 each, the first payment being $3, one dollar being in cash, the remainder to be paid from the proceeds of the first sales made through the association.

Arrangements were made for the shipment of cream from the association to the Elnora Co-operative Creamery, all members receiving a dividend in October and the association receiving 2c cents a can on minimum size.

The secretary, A. S. Claypool, M.L.A., of Penhold, was instructed to get in touch with various poultry shipping associations with a view to shipping jointly this fall, if satisfactory arrangements can be made.

Incorporation will not be applied for until 200 persons have signed the association's contract. Contract forms have been distributed among the Locals, and the delegates will report to a meeting at Trochu on July 27th.

A resolution was carried expressing the opinion that a voluntary pool is absolutely essential to the handling of the 1923 crop.

**SOUTHERN FARMERS FORMING LOCAL WHEAT POOL**

U. F. A. Locals in the Carstairs, Carbon, Gleichen, Crossfield, Cremona and Madden districts are making efforts to organize a local wheat pool which they hope will be in a position to begin marketing wheat as soon as the 1923 crop is ready to be shipped. This information is received as the present issue of "The U. F. A." goes to press. Similar plans are being considered in other parts of the Province. It is intended that as soon as the general Provincial pool is ready to accept contracts members shall market their wheat through this Provincial pool. In Saskatchewan last year a million bushels of wheat were sold through a local pooling organization.

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